

Claim Amendments

1. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

~~an~~ a first application server component and a first switch component of a first network;

a second application server component and a second switch component of a second network;

wherein the first application server component, first switch component, second application server component, and second switch component cooperate to route a call between the first network and the second network;

wherein the first application server component sends a message with an identifier for the first application server to the second application server through the first and second switch components;

wherein the first and second application server components cooperate to create a data stream through employment of the identifier;

wherein the first and second application server components ~~that associates a~~ the data stream with ~~a~~ the call through employment of ~~an~~ the identifier ~~within a message associated with~~ the call.

2-3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the first application server component employs the identifier to associate one or more available services with the data stream;

wherein the first application server component employs the data stream to provide one or more services, of the one or more available services.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the first application server component associates the one or more services with the call through employment of the identifier.

6. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first application server component selects the identifier from a plurality of available identifiers;

wherein the first application server component associates the identifier with the call.

7. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the data stream comprises a first data stream, wherein the call comprises a first call, wherein the identifier comprises a first identifier of the plurality of available identifiers;

wherein the first application server component selects the first identifier and a second identifier from the plurality of available identifiers;

wherein the first application server component employs the second identifier to associate a second data stream with a second call.

8. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein upon termination of the data stream, the first application server component returns the identifier to the plurality of available identifiers.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim-9 1, wherein the first application server component provides the identifier to the first switch component.

11. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the first switch component communicates with the first application server component to obtain the identifier.

12. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim-9 1, wherein the second application server component receives the identifier from the second switch component.

13. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the second switch component communicates with the second application server component to provide the identifier to the second application server component.

14. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the second application server component employs the identifier to establish the data stream.

15. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~9~~ 1, wherein the second switch component cooperates with the second application server component to provide one or more services of one or more available services through employment of the data stream.

16. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the second switch component establishes the call;

wherein the second switch component cooperates with the second application server component to update the call based on the one or more services.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A method, comprising the step of:

sending a message to establish a call from a first switch component of a first network to a second switch component of a second network, wherein the message comprises an identifier of a first application server component of the first network;

sending the identifier to a second application server component of the second network;

establishing a data stream between the first and second application server components, wherein the first and second application server components associate ~~associated with a~~ the data stream with the call through employment of an the identifier within a ~~the~~ message ~~associated with the call~~.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein the message conforms to a first signaling protocol, wherein the data stream conforms to a second signaling protocol, wherein the step of establishing the data stream ~~with the application server component through employment of the identifier within the message associated with the call, the method, comprising~~ comprises the steps of:

establishing the call through employment of the message; and

establishing the data stream ~~with the application server component through employment~~ of the second signaling protocol.

21. (currently amended) An article, comprising:

one or more computer-readable signal-bearing media;

means in the one or more media for sending a message to establish a call from a first switch component of a first network to a second switch component of a second network, wherein the message comprises an identifier of a first application server component of the first network;

means in the one or more media for sending the identifier to a second application server component of the second network; and

means in the one or more media for establishing a data stream between the first and second application server components, wherein the first and second application server components associate ~~associated with a~~ the data stream with the call through employment of an the identifier within a ~~the message associated with the call~~.

22. (new) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the call is placed from the first network to the second network;

wherein the message comprises an initial address message (IAM).

23. (new) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the call is placed from the second network to the first network;
wherein the message comprises a call progress (CPG) message.